

Akron City Council approves resolution supporting Kasich's proposed Medicaid expansion

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Akron City Council approved a resolution Monday supporting Gov. John Kasich's proposed expansion of Medicaid to low-income Ohio residents.

Kasich included in his proposed two-year state budget an extension of Medicaid health care coverage to those with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, which is about \$15,400 for an individual or approximately \$32,000 for a family of four. The governor has asked for support for his proposal.

"The governor has put aside politics," said Akron Councilwoman Linda Omobien, who proposed the resolution. "I would love for my colleagues to support this and send a clear message to Columbus."

Council unanimously approved the resolution.

The expansion would provide health care to an estimated 366,000 people in Ohio and about 22,000 in Summit County, Omobien said.

Omobien encouraged residents who support the expansion to contact their state lawmakers.

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